GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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EXPENDITURE ON FOODGRAIN DISTRIBUTION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the expenditure on maintenance of stocks of foodgrains is more than that of the subsidy on foodgrains for distribution to Below Poverty Line and Above Poverty Line families through Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the break up thereof during the last three years separately;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the subsidy on foodgrains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): The details of expenditure incurred on maintenance of stocks of foodgrains and subsidy incurred on distribution of foodgrains to below poverty line (BPL) and above poverty line (APL) population by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) during the last three years are as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Expenditure incurred on	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (Provisional)
Storage	1286.57	1190.58	1499.00
Interest	3444.94	2427.97	2631.00
Total	4731.51	3618.55	4130.00

Subsidy incurred on	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (Provisional)
BPL	5994.08	8069.58	10469.00
APL	919.63	1406.26	3001.00
Total	6913.71	9475.84	13470.00

(c) & (d): Food subsidy comprises of the difference between the economic cost and issue price of foodgrains. Any change in the economic cost or issue price has an impact on the food subsidy.